REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the amendments above and the remarks following is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4-9, 11, 12, 14, 16-31, 34-39, 41, 42, 44, 46-59 and 69-72 are in this case. Claims 20-30 and 50-59 were withdrawn by the Examiner from consideration as drawn to a non-elected invention. Independent claims 69-72 have been canceled. Independent claims 1 and 31 and dependent claims 11, 12, 16, 17, 41, 42, 46 and 47 have been amended.

The Examiner has explained that the amendments he proposed in the telephonic interview of November 15, 2010 to overcome the § 103(a) issues were the inclusion of the limitations of claims 64, 65 and 67 in claim 1 and the inclusion of the limitations of claims 66 and 68 in claim 31. Claim 1 was amended in the Supplemental Response of November 16, 2010 to include the limitations of claims 64. Claim 1 now has been amended to include also the limitations of claims 65 and 67. Claim 31 now has been amended to include also the limitations of claims 66 and 68.

The amendment of claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 65 required corresponding amendments to claims 11, 12, 16 and 17. The amendment of claim 31 to include the limitations of claim 66 required corresponding amendments to claims 41, 42, 46 and 47.

In view of the above amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 31, and hence dependent claims 4-9, 11, 12, 14, 16-19, 34-39, 41, 42, 44 and 46-49 are in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

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